

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A recording apparatus, comprising:
recording means for recording information played back from a first recording medium into a second recording medium;
judgment means for forming a judgment as to whether said first recording medium is allowed to be dubbed or prohibited from being dubbed; and
control means for inhibiting said recording means from recording information played back from said first recording medium into said second recording medium when said judgment formed by said judgment means indicates that said first recording medium is prohibited from being dubbed.
2. A recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first recording medium includes a disc shape.
3. A recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said judgment means forms said judgment based on information conveyed by a beam reflected from said first recording medium.
4. A recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said judgment means forms said judgement based on predetermined identification information recorded on said first recording medium.
5. A recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second recording medium is a non-volatile memory.
6. A recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said judgment means forms said judgement based on a type of said first recording medium.
7. A recording apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said first recording medium is one of a ^{FROM} playback-only type medium that is allowed to be dubbed and a recordable type medium that is prohibited from being dubbed.

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8. A recording apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said first recording medium is one of a playback-only type medium, with all information being recorded therein using emboss pits, that is allowed to be dubbed and a medium of a type other than said playback-only type that is prohibited from being dubbed.

9. A recording apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said first recording medium is one of a playback-only type medium, with all information representing management information and audio data being recorded therein using emboss pits, that is allowed to be dubbed and a medium of a type other than said playback-only type that is prohibited from being dubbed.

10. A recording and playback apparatus, comprising:
playback means for playing back information from a first recording medium;
recording means for recording information played back from said first recording medium into a second recording medium;
judgment means for forming a judgment as to whether said first recording medium is allowed to be dubbed or prohibited from being dubbed; and
control means for inhibiting said recording means from recording information played back from said first recording medium into said second recording medium when said judgment formed by said judgment means indicates that said first recording medium is prohibited from being dubbed.

11. A recording and playback apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said first recording medium includes a disc shape.

12. A recording and playback apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said judgment means forms said judgment based on information conveyed by a beam reflected from said first recording medium.

13. A recording and playback apparatus according to claim 11, wherein

said judgment means forms said judgement based on predetermined identification information recorded on said first recording medium.

14. A recording and playback apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said second recording medium is a non-volatile memory.

15. A recording and playback apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said judgment means forms said judgement based on a type of said first recording medium.

16. A recording and playback apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said first recording medium is one of a playback-only type medium that is allowed to be dubbed and a recordable type medium that is prohibited from being dubbed.

17. A recording and playback apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said first recording medium is one of a playback-only type medium, with all information being recorded therein using emboss pits, that is allowed to be dubbed and a medium of a type other than said playback-only type that is prohibited from being dubbed.

18. A recording and playback apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said first recording medium is one of a playback-only type medium, with all information representing management information and audio data being recorded therein using emboss pits, that is allowed to be dubbed and a medium of a type other than said playback-only type that is prohibited from being dubbed.

19. A recording method, comprising the steps of:
forming a judgment as to whether a first recording medium is allowed to be dubbed or prohibited from being dubbed;
recording information played back from said first recording medium into a second recording medium when said judgment formed at said judgment step indicates that said first recording medium is allowed to be dubbed; and

inhibiting an operation to record information played back from said first recording medium into said second recording medium when said judgment formed at said judgment step indicates that said first recording medium is prohibited from being dubbed.

20. A recording method according to claim 19, wherein said first recording medium includes a disc shape.

21. A recording method according to claim 20, wherein said judgment is formed based on information conveyed by a beam reflected from said first recording medium.

22. A recording method according to claim 20, wherein said judgment is formed based on predetermined identification information recorded on said first recording medium.

23. A recording method according to claim 19, wherein said second recording medium is a non-volatile memory.

24. A recording method according to claim 19, wherein said judgment is formed based on a type of said first recording medium.

25. A recording method according to claim 24, wherein said first recording medium is one of a playback-only type medium that is allowed to be dubbed and a recordable type medium that is prohibited from being dubbed.

26. A recording method according to claim 24, wherein said first recording medium is one of a playback-only type medium, with all information being recorded therein using emboss pits, that is allowed to be dubbed and a medium of a type other than said playback-only type that is prohibited from being dubbed.

27. A recording method according to claim 24, wherein said first recording

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medium is one of a playback-only type medium, with all information representing management information and audio data being recorded therein using emboss pits, that is allowed to be dubbed and a medium of a type other than said playback-only type that is prohibited from being dubbed.

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